

Lineage and Honors History  
Of the  
**18 AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS GROUP (ACC)**

**Lineage.** Constituted 18 Air Support Communication Squadron on 24 Mar 1943. Activated on 1 Apr 1943. Redesignated 18 Tactical Air Communications Squadron on 1 Apr 1944. Disbanded on 10 Jun 1944. Reconstituted on 19 Mar 1945. Activated on 15 Apr 1945. Inactivated on 12 Aug 1946. Disbanded on 8 Oct 1948. Reconstituted, redesignated 18 Air Support Group, and activated, on 15 Jun 1992. Redesignated 18 Air Support Operations Group on 1 Jul 1994.

**Honors.**

*Service Streamers.* World War II American Theater.

*Campaign Streamers.*

*World War II:*  
Rome-Arno 1944

*Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers.* None

*Decorations.* Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Jun 1993-31 May 1995; 1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999.

**Assignments.** III Air Support (later, III Reconnaissance) Command, 1 Apr 1943; I Tactical Air Division, 3 Nov 1943; XII Air Support (later, XII Tactical Air) Command, c. 12 Feb-10 Jun 1944. Ninth Air Force, 15 Apr 1945; XXIX Tactical Air Command (Prov), 3 Jul 1945; Fourth Air Force, c. 24 Aug 1945; Third Air Force, 8 Mar 1946; Ninth Air Force, 28 Mar-12 Aug 1946. 23 Wing, 15 Jun 1992; Ninth Air Force, 1 Feb 1994-.

**Stations.** Birmingham, AL, 1 Apr 1943; Lebanon, TN, 4 Sep 1943; Morris Fld, NC, 26 Nov 1943-15 Jan 1944; Oran, Algeria, 12 Feb 1944; Ain-el-Turck, Algeria, 10 Mar 1944;

Oran, Algeria, 1 Apr 1944; Naples, Italy, 9 Apr 1944; Caserta, Italy, 11 Apr-10 Jun 1944.  
Haltern, Germany, 1 Apr 1945; Brunswick, Germany, May-Jul 1945; LeMoore AAF,  
CA, 24 Aug 1945; Camp Pinedale, CA, 8 Sep 1945; Biggs Fld, TX, 9 Mar-12 Aug 1946.  
Pope AFB, NC, 15 Jun 1992-.

**Emblem.** Approved on 15 Feb 1996

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